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Group Art Unit: 1648

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Title: ACTIVATION OF HCV-SPECIFIC T CELLS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 13, 2006. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 45-48, drawn to an isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein consisting essentially of an NS3, an NS4, an NS5a, an NS5b and a core polypeptide of HCV, and compositions comprising the fusion protein¹;

Group II. Claim 53, drawn to a method for activating CD4+ T cells;

Group III. Claim 54, drawn to a method for activating CD8+ T cells; and

Group IV. Claim 55, drawn to a method for activating CD4+/CD8+ T cells.

Claims 49-52 and 56-52 were considered linking claims, linking the inventions of Groups II, III and IV.

Applicants elect to proceed with the claims of Group I, claims 45-48, without

¹ Applicant notes claims 44-48 were designated as belonging to Group I. Claim 44 was previously cancelled. Accordingly, applicant assumes the Examiner intended claims 45-48.

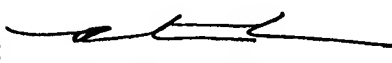
traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application. Moreover, applicants understand that withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of allowable product claims will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04.

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